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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HING et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB99/03283

Entry papers filed herewith April 2, 2001

For: FOAMED CERAMICS

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/GB99/03283. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended claim pages 22-26 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 22-27 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 22-26.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace original claims 4-12, 14, 16-17, 19, 21-23, 25-28 and 30-31 with amended claims 4-12, 14, 16-17, 19, 21-23, 25-28 and 30-31 as follows.